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Chapter I

Decisions adopted by the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation at its fourteenth session

1. The High-level Committee adopted the following decisions at its fourteenth session:

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Provisional agenda for the fifteenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation

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Chapter II

High-level plenary segment

A. Opening of the session

2. The fourteenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation was opened by the President of the fourteenth session, the Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations, who made an introductory statement.

3. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

4. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, the United Nations Special Adviser on Africa, and the Director of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation.

B. Introduction of reports on implementation

5. The High-level Committee considered items 2 and 3 of its agenda at its meetings on 31 May and 1 June 2005.

6. The Director of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation introduced the following reports:

(a) Review of progress in the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and the new directions strategy for technical cooperation among developing countries (SSC/14/1);

(b) Consideration of reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (SSC/14/2).

C. Discussion

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Chapter III

Thematic discussion: the role of South-South cooperation in achieving the Millennium Development Goals

8. The High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation considered item 4 of its agenda at its fourth meeting on 1 June 2005.

9. The thematic discussion on the role of South-South cooperation in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) focused on the following areas: trade and investment; poverty and hunger reduction; science, technology and innovation; HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and access to essential medicines; child and maternal health; the role of women in achieving the MDGs; water and sanitation; and improving the lives of slum dwellers. A summary of the discussions held on each area is set out below.

10. The discussion was moderated by the United Nations Special Adviser on Africa.

A. Thematic group 1: trade and investment; poverty and hunger reduction; science, technology and innovation: summary of discussion

11. ...

12. Ms. Chandrika Bahadur, policy adviser, United Nations Millennium Project, ...

13. Mr. Dato Yee-Cheong Lee, President, World Federation of Engineering Organizations, ...

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15. ...

16. ...

B. Thematic group 2: HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and access to essential medicines; child and maternal health; the role of women in achieving the Millennium Development Goals: summary of discussion

17. Dr. Josh Ruxin, Director, Program to Scale Up Health in Developing Countries, Earth Institute and Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, ...

18. Dr. Allan Rosenfield, Dean, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, ...

19. Ms. Yassine Fall, Senior Policy Adviser, United Nations Millennium Project, ...

20. ...

21. ...

22. ...

C. Thematic group 3: water and sanitation; improving the lives of slum dwellers: summary of discussion

23. Professor Roberto Lenton, Executive Director, Secretariat for International Affairs and Development, International Research Institute for Climate Prediction, Columbia University, ...

24. Professor Pietro Garau, Department of Architecture, University of Rome, ...

25. Mr. Salil Shetty, Director, United Nations Millennium Development Goals Campaign, ...

26. ...

27. ...

Chapter IV
Report of the Working Group

28. At its fifth meeting, on 3 June 2005, the High-level Committee considered item 5 of its agenda.

29. The Chairman cum Rapporteur of the Working Group and Vice-President of the High-level Committee, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), introduced the report of the Working Group.

30. The High-level Committee adopted the report of the Working Group.

Chapter V
Provisional agenda for the fifteenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation

31. The High-level Committee considered items 6 and 7 of its agenda at its meeting on 3 June 2005.

32. At the same meeting, the High-level Committee approved the provisional agenda for its fifteenth session (see chap. I, decision ...).

33. By the same decision, the High-level Committee authorized the President to consult with the representatives of Member States on the thematic discussion of the fifteenth session and to communicate the decision taken based on those consultations to the Member States well ahead of the fifteenth session in order to enable delegates to take appropriate preparatory actions.

Chapter VI
Draft report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its fourteenth session

34. At its meeting on 3 June 2005, the High-level Committee considered item 8 of its agenda.

35. The Rapporteur, Mr. Mohamed Elfarnawany (Egypt), introduced the draft report of the High-level Committee.

Discussion

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37. The High-level Committee adopted the draft report and entrusted the Rapporteur with its completion.

Chapter VII
Closure of the session

38. The Associate Administrator of UNDP made a closing statement on 3 June 2005.

39. At the same meeting, closing statements were also made by ...

Chapter VIII
Organizational matters

A. Date and place of the session

40. The High-level Committee held its fourteenth session at United Nations Headquarters from 31 May to 3 June 2005, with an organizational meeting on 10 May 2005.

41. The establishment, background, history, chronology and reports of previous sessions of the High-level Committee, whose name was changed at the thirteenth session from the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries to the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, is contained in the reports of the Committee to the General Assembly.[1]

42. In accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 35/202, the session was convened by the Administrator of UNDP under the usual procedural arrangements.

B. Attendance

43. The session was attended by representatives of States Members of the United Nations participating in UNDP. Also attending were non-Member States maintaining a permanent observer mission at headquarters; regional commissions; United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies and other entities; intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that received a standing

invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and work of the General Assembly; intergovernmental organizations attending as observers; private-sector organizations, institutions and agencies that received an invitation to attend the thematic discussion; and individuals who received a special invitation to attend the session as panellists. For a list of those attending the fourteenth session, see annex I to the present report.

C. Election of officers

44. The following officers were elected by acclamation:

President:

Mr. Eladio Loizaga, Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations

Vice-Presidents:

Mr. Hjálmar W. Hanneson (Iceland)
Mr. Lubln Dilja (Albania)
Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan)

Rapporteur:

Mr. Mohamed Elfarnawany (Egypt)

45. The High-level Committee approved the President's recommendation that Mr. Kazuo Sunaga serve as Chairman of the Working Group. It was subsequently agreed that the Chairman should also serve as Rapporteur of the Working Group.

D. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

46. The High-level Committee held its organizational meeting in New York on 10 May 2005 to elect the Bureau of the fourteenth session and to adopt the provisional agenda and programme of work.

47. The High-level Committee adopted the provisional annotated agenda (SSC/14/L.2) and the organization of work (SSC/14/L.3) for its fourteenth session. A general debate would be held in the plenary from 31 May to 1 June 2005 on items 2 and 3. The Working Group, scheduled to begin its work on 2 June 2005, was assigned agenda items 2, 3, 4 and 5 for substantive discussion and charged with making recommendations to the Committee. For a list of documents considered by the Committee at its fourteenth session, see annex II to the present report.

Notes

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 39* and corrigendum (A/58/39 and Corr.1) and the previous reports of the Committee to the Assembly, beginning at its thirty-fifth session.

Annex I

List of those attending the fourteenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation

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Annex II

List of documents before the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation at its fourteenth session

1. The following documents were before the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation at its fourteenth session:

(a) Organizational meeting, New York, 10 May 2005 (SSC/14/L.1);

(b) Provisional annotated agenda, including list of documents (SSC/14/L.2);

(c) Note by the Administrator on the adoption of the agenda and organization of work (SSC/14/L.3);

(d) Review of progress in the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and the new directions strategy for technical cooperation among developing countries (SSC/14/1 and Corr.1);

(e) Consideration of reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (SSC/14/2).